

# VALLEY AIR NEWS

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## New grant program replaces ag tractors

A new Air District incentive program targets off-road agricultural tractors for replacement.

The Agricultural Off-road Tractor Replacement program application period runs through Dec. 31, 2010. Funding for this program comes from a combination of local, state and federal sources.



"This new program addresses a critical component of the Valley's economy," said Samir Sheikh, director of the District's Strategies and Incentives department, which is administering the program. "Agriculture deservedly needs all the financial help available, especially in these challenging times," he added.

Eligibility criteria include;

- Equipment must be self-propelled, off-road agricultural tractors.
- They must have uncontrolled (Tier 0) engines.
- Tractors must operate at least 75 percent of the time in California and 50 percent of the time in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.
- To be eligible for District funding, projects cannot be eligible for Natural Resources Conservation Service EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) funding.

Projects are funded on a dollar per horsepower basis and contracts must be established before purchases are made. Funds will be disbursed during spring to early summer 2011.

For more information, contact the Strategies and Incentives program at 559-230-5800.

For more information about the Valley Air District, call a regional office: in Fresno, 559-230-6000; in Bakersfield, 661-392-5500; and in Modesto, 209-557-6400.

**Calendar Contest:** Below is a sample of the winning artwork to appear in the 2011 Healthy Air Living Kids' Calendar.



At left: Stephen Nolan, 12th Grade, Robert T. Elliott Alternative Education Center in Modesto.



At right: Artwork by Maria Puga, 2nd Grade, Armona Union Elementary School in Armona.

## Artwork by Valley Children Featured in 2011 Air District Calendar

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's 2011 Healthy Air Living Kids' Calendar features 14 original works of art from children in the eight-county Valley Air District. Orders currently are being taken for the calendars, which will be ready for distribution in late December.

The District prints 20,000 copies of the calendar and distributes them free to groups to promote Healthy Air Living throughout the year. The creative and colorful artwork features a clean-air message for each month presented in both English and Spanish.

Several hundred entries were received for the 2011 calendar, which is open to all San Joaquin Valley students from kindergarten through high school. This year's winning artists are:

- Andrew Barrera, a first-grader at Tamarack Elementary School in Avenal, the 2011 featured cover artist
- Allison Cardoza, who attends the seventh grade at Cherry Avenue Middle School in Tulare
- Adam Castillo, a junior at Fresno's Central High School, East Campus
- Parker Clyborne, who also is a seventh-grader at Cherry Avenue Middle School in Tulare
- Rosemary Cortes, a fourth-grade student at César Chávez Elementary School in Madera
- Camrynn Enos, who is in the fifth grade at Highland Elementary School in Bakersfield
- Yesenia Fernandez, a freshman at Madera's Liberty High School
- Morgan Fravel, a third-grader at Lockeford School in Lockeford
- Bailey Latronica, a seventh-grade student at Snelling Merced Falls School in Snelling
- Stephen Nolan, a senior at Robert T. Elliott Alternative Education Center in Modesto
- Juliana Presto, an elementary school student from Stanislaus County
- Maria Puga, who attends second grade at Armona Union Elementary School in Armona
- Vanessa Quintanilla, a student in the sixth grade at George McParland Elementary School in Manteca
- Claire Urata, who attends seventh grade at Actis Junior High in Bakersfield and submitted her drawing through Camp Fire USA, Heart of California Council

Schools, community groups, healthcare facilities, churches, civic organizations and non-profit groups throughout the Valley may reserve copies of the calendar, with a limit of 50 copies per request. Calendars can be ordered by sending an e-mail to [brenda.turner@valleyair.org](mailto:brenda.turner@valleyair.org) or by calling the nearest District office: Northern Region (209) 557-6400, Central Region, (559) 230-6000 or Southern Region, (661) 392-5500.